CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA- 941
Wright House
8919 Reisterstown Road
Baltimore, Baltimore County
Circa 1840
Private

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The Wright House is a two-and-a-half-story wood frame dwelling clad in German siding. The building, which sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation, features a U-shaped footprint with a four-bay-wide porch spanning the recessed central portion of the building. Tuscan wood columns support the shed porch roof. The cross-gabled roof is clad in wood shingles, and two rebuilt stretcher bond central interior chimneys and one rebuilt stretcher bond interior chimney rise through the roof. The central portion of the façade, or southwest elevation, is pierced by one offset four-paneled single-leaf wood door. Additionally, the façade features ten 6/6 windows and three 8/8 windows, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. Located southeast of the dwelling is a circa 1840 two-story ice house of random rubble stone construction. A two-story, circa 1840 smokehouse that was converted into a garage in the first half of the 20th century is located to the north of the dwelling.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of F	Property	(indicate preferred	name)				
historic							
other	Wright House						
2. Location							
street and number	8919 Reisterstow	vn Road				not for	publication
city, town	Baltimore					vicinity	18
county	Baltimore Count	у					
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	g addresses o	of all owners)		
name	Betty Kreuzburg						
street and number	8919 Reisterstow	vn Road			telephone	Not Ava	ilable
city, town	Baltimore		state M	D	zip code	21208	
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Inventory No. BA- 941

Condition

	_excellent	deteriorated
X	_ good	ruins
	_ fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Located southeast of the dwelling is a circa 1840 two-story ice house of random rubble stone construction. The one-bay-square building features a front gable roof clad in slate tiles and two flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood doors with square-edged wood surrounds.

To the north of the dwelling is one-and-a-half-story wood frame smokehouse that dates to circa 1840. The building was significantly enlarged and altered during the first half of the 20^{th} century and now serves as a garage. The building, which sits on a random rubble stone foundation, is clad in weatherboard and features a side gable roof clad in slate tiles. A sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with four-light sidelights pierces the one-bay-wide portion of the building that comprises the original smokehouse. Above this door is a wall dormer that contains a fifteen-light casement window. A rebuilt stretcher bond brick chimney rises on the interior of the gable-end portion of this bay. A paneled roll-up wood garage door below two gabled dormers with fifteen-light casement windows pierces the garage bay.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. BA-941
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
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Specific dates	circa 1840		Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction da	ates circa 1840			
Evaluation for:				
	National Register	N	Maryland Register	Xnot evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The town of Pikesville, located along the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, dates to the early 19th century and was established at that time as a military post. The town was already a commercial center in 1877, and it featured a wide array of businesses and other services, including a butcher, carpenter, auctioneer, blacksmith, machinist and four merchants. Additionally, there were two physicians and one hotel listed in the 1877 county atlas.² By the late 19th century, the town was densely developed and had a population of 175 inhabitants. In 1881, the town included four churches, public and parochial schools, one private academy, and several fraternal and benevolent orders.³ The town continued to expand through the early 20th century, and is now suburb on the northwest side of the City of Baltimore.

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), pg. 834.

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1850

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _	.10 Acre	<u> </u>	
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown		
Quadrangle name	Cockeysville	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1840, the Wright House has been associated with the 22,078 square feet known as tax parcel 297 of map 68 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

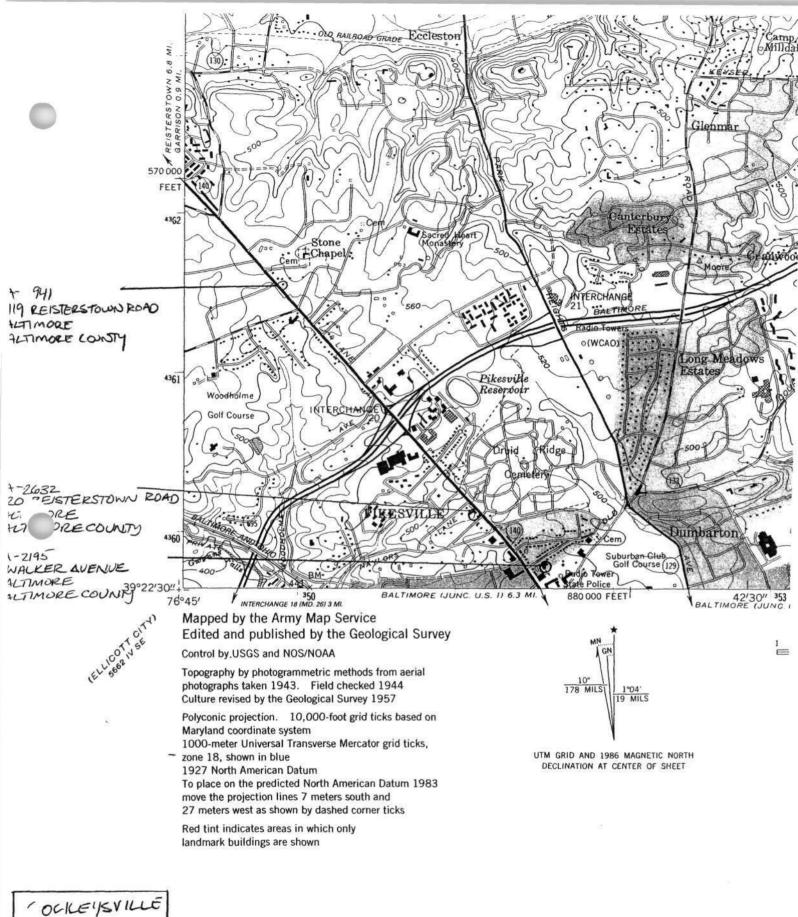
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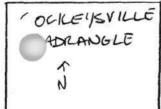
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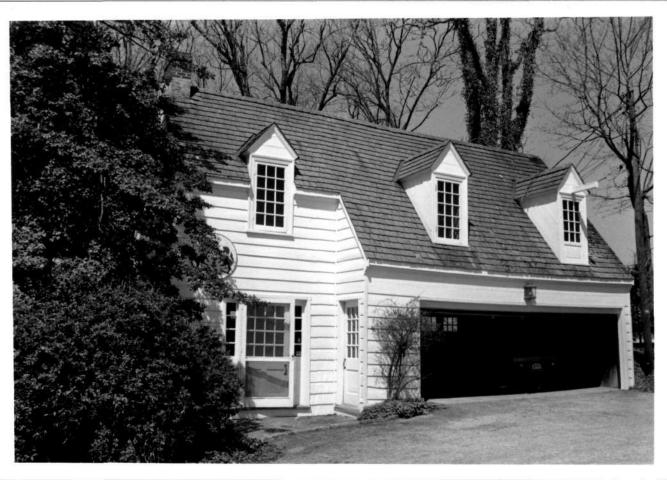
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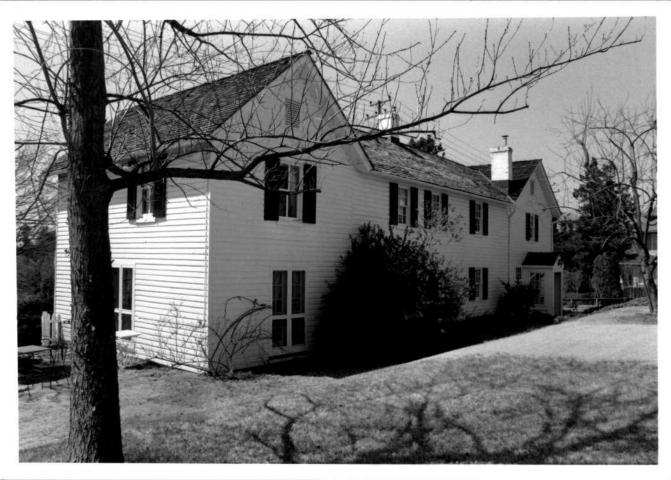




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city, town	Owings Mill	S <u>X</u> vicinity of	Councilmanic D congressional district	istrict 2 2
state	Maryland	county	Baltimore Coun	ty
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Category district _x_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considere xnot_applicable	Status	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Owr	er of Prop	erty (give names a	and mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name Mrs.	Betty Kreuzbi	ıra		
street & number			telephone n	0.:
city, town	Baltimore		and zip code MD	21208-1015
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7. Description

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Condition

fair

__ excellent __ good

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Check one
unaltered
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Check one

x original site

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The Wright House is a two-story, frame structure on a slight rise above Reisterstown Road. Its wall cover is German siding in authentic wood, painted white, very fresh appearance. The house consists of two gable-roofed pavilions linked by a hyphen. The link between the end pavilions contains a set-back porch sheltered by a standing seam shed roof. Porch posts are of wood, round columns typical of Colonial Revival houses of the 1920s. The first-story wall along the porch is coated with smooth stucco. Roofing is wooden shakes or a credible imitation of shakes. Windows are set in an irregular pattern and are multi-paned, real wood frames with true-divided lights. The rear of the house is laid out in one plane, with various back doors. A number of irregularly spaced brick chimneys seem to be authentic and irregular. The foundation visible on the front toward the north end is of rubble stone and has the appearance of the Colonial Revival era; possibly this foundation was altered after the original house was constructed. There is no clue as to any part of this house having been converted from a one-room store of the 1850s; possibly the store portion was in the front room behind the porch. South of the house is a stone, gable-roofed stone building, possibly a meat house, of considerable age. The main house is built in a vernacular style with authentic natural materials and is an excellent example of a 19th century rural residence. There was probably no architect needed to design this dwelling. The house to the north is an American Four-Square used as the parsonage of Stone Chapel in Garrison Forest. One the east and Northeast, the property has been encroached upon by recent apartment construction. There is a rightangle driveway to the house and garage from the northbound lane of Reisterstown Road; it would probably be impossible to leave by turning left due to the volume of traffic on the highway. This property is surrounded by trees and plantings but the main house is clearly visible on its modest hill.



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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Not much is known the present home of Mrs. Betty Kreuzburg. It is apparently the outgrowth of a "store" shown on the road frontage of George H. Elder's property on the east side of Reisterstown Road in the 1850 map of city and county published by J. C. Sidney and P. J. Browne. Robert Taylor's 1857 county map shows a number of house symbols strung along the road but none labeled as either a home or store. Older deeds mention that the land grant name here was "Rich Level," originally surveyed in 1738 for George Ogg. The Elders were heirs to the large Green Spring estate that had given its name to the entire valley. Elder's will probated in 1866 mentioned a house and lot on Reisterstown Road that was occupied by Oliver Wright. (1).

Oliver P. Wright acquired title to a tract of 31-4/10 perches on Reisterstown Road from Mrs. Ellen N. Elder on February 28, 1871 (2). The 1877 atlas showed a small lot belonging to "O. Wright" a little south of the road to Stone Chapel in Garrison Forest. Oliver P. Wright borrowed money from Dr. John Fisher, owner of nearby Alto Dale. (3). at the time he purchased this property, and eventually defaulted. By 1881, Dr. Fisher, was dead, and his executor advertised the property for an auction to be held on Monday, November 7, of that year. Richard D. Fisher, the surviving executor of Dr. Fisher, described the place as "2 acres, more or less, about nine miles from the city on the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Road, and at the intersection of said Turnpike Road with a lane leading to a stone chapel said lot is improved by a comfortable frame dwelling, together with barn, dairy, and meat house. It is conveniently located and presents many advantages to any one desiring a home." (4)

At the auction conducted by Oliver P. Magill, Richard Fisher sold the property to George C. Winterrode for \$775 (5). Possibly George C. Winterrode was the son of the George Winterrode who was mentioned by Dawn F. Thomas in her Green Spring Valley book as the head carpenter who worked 63 years on the Shoemaker estate, Burnside. (6) The younger Winterrode held the house until 1916, selling to Franklin T. Myerly. (7) Eight years later, Myerly sold to Harry C. Thompson. (8)

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Harry C. Thompson and wife Elizabeth T. Thompson sold in 1930 to James Lyon Hall. The deed reveals that the property fronted 163 feet on the turnpike road. And was now only "about" half an acre. (9). Only three years later, Hall and his wife Mason H. hall sold to G. Dudley Iverson and Gertrude Iverson for an estimated \$9500, judging from the revenue stamps on the deed. (10).

In 1951 G. Dudley Iverson IV and his second wife, Juliet P. Iverson sold to Harvey Wilson and Betty Kreuzburg for an estimated \$29,750, judging from the revenue stamps. (11). Later, in August 2000, Mr. Kreuzburg conveyed his interest to his wife (12). This house was quite isolated until the construction of the Cobblestone development on what had been the open lawns of the Balmuckety mansion of the opposite side of the road. If this house is the outgrowth of a one-room store, its location near the turnpike road that might have been commercially useful in the 19th century is now a liability for anyone wishing to live there in peace and quite. The Reisterstown Road is now heavily traveled by large vehicles unknown in the era of the turnpike road when horse drawn vehicles rarely traveled at night. The present proposal of the owner is to adapt the structure for professional office use. There does not seem to be any mention of this house in the oral history book on Owings Mills entitled Speaking of Our Past.

NOTES:

- . Baltimore County Wills, Liber 3, folio 136.
- 2. Baltimore County Deeds, EHA 69:501.
- 3. Baltimore County Mortgages, EHA 40:263.
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- 5. B. C. Deeds, WMI 125:561.
- 6. Dawn F. Thomas, The Green Spring Valley, (Baltimore, 1978), p. 223.
- 7. B. C. Deeds, WPC 469:233.
- 8. B. C. Deeds, WPC 601:189.

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10. B. C. Deeds, CWB JR. 923:74.

11. B. C. Deeds, GLB 2020:28.

12. B. C. Deeds, SM 14625:560.



WRIGHT HOUSE, rear view, May 2001

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No published sources.

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